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Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCEPETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)Docket Number (Optional)
196-0216

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Application No.: 08/996,249

Group Art Unit: 3629

Filed: 12/22/1997

Examiner: Binda, G.

Title: Tripod Bearing Assembly

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Proposed response and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- Small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))
- Small entity statement enclosed herewith.
- Small entity statement previously filed.
- Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,240 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Proposed response and/or fee

A. The proposed response and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of See Attachment 2 (identify type of response):

- has been filed previously on _____
- is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ _____

- has been paid previously on _____
- is enclosed herewith.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) equivalent to the number of months from abandonment to the filing of this petition is enclosed herewith.

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

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Terminal Disclaimer Form

Small Entity Status Form

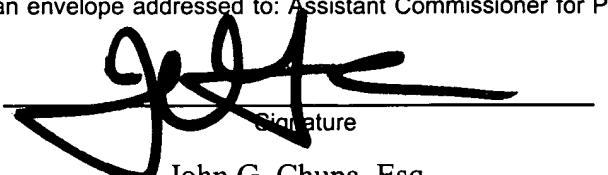
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